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The Peenewerft, Wolgast

1. Work began during August 1948 on the construction of a small shipyard on the Peene River, near Wolgast (P-92). The buildings of a cellulose plant, which was constructed during the war, are being put to use. One large shed is being reconditioned by 350 workers, and a slipway is being constructed to lead from the shed to the river. One million bricks have been delivered from Peenemünde for use in the building of the yard. Power for the yard will be generated by a newly-erected adjacent power station housing two 3,500 KW turbines. One Ing. Schöning has been charged with the equipping of the plant. It is estimated that the construction work will cost approximately six million RM.
2. It has been officially stated that the Peenewerft will be used for the fitting out of deep-sea fishing vessels of up to 75 tons burden. According to building plans, however, the yard will be capable of handling craft displacing up to 250 tons. The Peene installation will be a so-called Volkswerft, like the yard in Damgarten, the Thälmannwerft in Brandenburg, and the Volkswerft, in Magdeburg. The latter three yards will manufacture hulls for the Peenewerft, which will in turn fit the completed hulls with Diesel engines and launch the vessels. Seventy percent of the craft will be delivered to the Russian authorities. Director of the Peenewerft will be one Dipl. Ing. Lamprecht of Rostock.

Rechlin Shipyard

3. Taucherfirma Bellmann and the Nordische Baugesellschaft Stralsund have been ordered by the SMA, through the Mecklenburg state government, to build a small shipyard in Rechlin, on the Müritz See. Construction work, which will be conducted on a five million RM budget, was to begin in mid-August 1948. The yard

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will have five slipways and an assembly shop measuring 120 m. x 40 m. Seventy percent of the vessels built at Rechlin will go on the reparations account, 25 percent will be delivered to state-owned enterprises, and 5 percent will be available to private firms.

The Rhodewerft. Rostock

4. As of mid-August 1948, the Rhodewerft was launching one fishing cutter every week. Upon completion, the cutters are taken over by Soviet crews and moved to the Krögerwerft at Warnemünde, where they receive two coats of paint and their identification numbers. They are then sailed, without proper sea trials, for an eastern Baltic port.
5. In the near future the entire Rhodewerft will be moved further upstream to facilitate communications. In August 1948 there was already a wooden shed on the prospective site in which one minesweeper was under construction. This minesweeper, the exact replica of a German R-boat, should be ready for trials late in October 1948.

Quentzin Shipyard

6. A shipyard was opened in Quentzin, on the Plauersee, on 1 August 1948. The yard has four slipways and a brick assembly shop measuring 60 m. x 25 m. Two hundred workers are employed in the yard. Work has begun on the construction, in steel, of a 250-ton vessel.

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